Read Me!



Read Me

Welcome to Helicon 2.

Welcome at last to Helicon 2. This leaflet contains information about the hotel, about the convention programme and about St Helier. We also have a map of the hotel showing the locations of the various programme rooms and also a map of the centre of St Helier (by kind permission of Perry's Official Guide to Jersey). If you lose your copy, you can get a replacement for £1 from the Registration desk near hotel reception.

The information in this leaflet was reasonably accurate when we went to press, but there may be some errors in the programme since we had to make a number of last-minute changes. We will make every effort to notify you of the current state of the programme through noticeboards and the convention newsletter. If you are on the programme and didn't expect to be, please contact Programme Ops in the Verclut Room and we will try to sort things out.

As usual, there are a number of general notices, but in particular:

ALL MEMBERS MUST WEAR THEIR MEMBERSHIP BADGES AT ALL TIMES.

We're not just being officious, the Dealers Room has to remain members only or else we open ourselves up to countless problems under St Helier's trading laws. If you lose your badge, please go to Registration where they will issue you with a new one (for an amount proportional to the remaining time of the convention).

If you want to help out with the convention, please come and talk to Ops or go to the gopher hole in the Fliquet Room.

Please do not attach posters or flyers to any surface with tape or blutac. The hotel has been redecorated at vast expense and they are extremely concerned about damage. If in doubt, ask at Ops and they will suggest possible alternatives.

Please turn off mobile phones in all programme rooms and respect no-smoking areas. These include all the programme rooms and the Dealers' Room. The Minstrel Room, which is the convention bar, has also been designated a no-smoking area. You can smoke in any of the public areas of the hotel. You should note that drinks prices in the public bars, such as the Atrium Bar, may be higher than prices in the convention bar.

Members should not wear/carry weapons, or anything that could be mistaken for one. If you need to display a weapon as part of a masquerade costume, you must come to Ops first and they will peacebond it for you.

Registration

Registration opens on Thursday at 16:00. It is open during the convention from 09:00 to 18:00, except on Monday when it closes at 14:00

Dealers Room/Art Show times

The Dealers Room and Art Show are in the Empire Room. The opening hours are:

12:00 - 18:00
10:00 -18:00
10:00 -18:00
10:00 -14:00

Banquet

The banquet is a ticket-only event on Saturday evening, with a restricted number of tickets available from Registration at £30 each. There is a vegetarian option available. Please ensure that you book tickets early on to avoid disappointment. The De France has produced some memorable banquets in the past and we hope this will be no exception.

Kaffeeklatsches

A tradition imported from American SF cons, this offers a small group of people the opportunity to talk with a favourite author over coffee. Obviously, each of these sessions can only manage a small number of people so we ask you to sign up in advance. A full list of who is on when will be posted at Registration.

Games

The Sorel room has been reserved for those wanting to play games. Do not confuse this with the hotel's own Games Room which has a selection of victeo and pinball machines as well as a pool table. This is located next to the swimming pool.

Chaos Costume

The Belval room has been reserved for chaos costume.

Shopping

The centre of Jersey has a great many interesting shops. Unfortunately, a lot of these will be closed over Easter, especially on Good Friday and Easter Monday. Shops will probably be open on Saturday, but not all of them.

Supermarket, Cash machines etc.

The nearest cashpoints to the hotel are located in the Grand Marche supermarket which is about 5 minutes walk from the hotel. Turn left at the bottom of the hotel drive and then right into Stopford Road. Take the first left into a new road, not marked on many street maps, the supermarket is about 100 yards along on the right. The Grand Marche is closed on Easter Friday and Easter Sunday, but is open on Saturday and Monday.

Chemist

The nearest chemist/pharmacist to the hotel is down Stopford Road, about 8 minutes walk from the hotel.

Phone

If you get lost, the hotel is in St Saviours Road and the phone number is 614000.



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Is any attempt to define a group really a statement of elitism? Are fans now better defined by their 14:00 Giffard differences than the similarities? What are we doing here anyway? What Is Fandom That Thou Art Mindful Of It?

The Terribly Splendid And Worthwhile Opening Ceremony

15:00 Lido/Auditorium 16:00 Lido/Auditorium The committee introduce the guests and welcome you to Helicon 2.

Rothman and Simon Bradshaw discuss the topic and the broader issue of how such speculative but The original Cold Fusion story broke at Contrivance, and now, 13 years on, the journal Science is prepared to publish articles that fusion is possible with desktop equipment. John Bray, Steve mportant work should be handled. Easy Fusion - Here we go Again

What has marked the last twelve months or so in the world of SF, Science and the related media? 16:00 Giffard Looking Behind: Items Of Interest In The Year Since Paragon

Gerain Jennings, from the Societé Jersaise, will lead us in a stroll about the statuary and buildings. Alternative history hounds may find themselves surprised at the amount of turning points one small island has had. This event leaves you in a "target rich" environment for an evening meal or visit to This is your opportunity to hear a brief history of Jersey and take a short walk to St Helier where 16:00 Plemont Jersey Explored.

17:00 Lido/Auditorium

GoH: Peter Weston

Alternate History is almost as blurred a genre as SF as a whole. Even if we accept that, in order to qualify, a work has to be set in a world where history has diverted from our own at a particular 18:00 Lido/Auditorium point. To what extent are the effects of this diversion required to impact on the story? Alternative History: An Overview

with tons of special effects? In a genre based on extrapolation, to what extent does the artist have to Aren't you fed up with apologists for films with witless plots, terrible dialog and lousy acting but 18:00 Giffard Is Nit-Picking A Legitimate Critical Technique In SF? show his workings out in the margins?

Has Buffy started to lose its appeal or do all long-running scries inevitably suffer from over-high expectations and occasional stagnation? Or, on the other hand, is Buffy as good as ever? (No spoilers will be allowed i.e. up to end of last BBC2 series.) Has the Buffy Backlash Started?

Liz Holliday will run four two-hour sessions over the con for those wishing to explore the writing 18:00 Rozel abilities. Please sign-up at registration as numbers are limited. Writers Workshop

An exploration of SF of the Fifties, including stories you really must read, focusing on the early 19:00 Giffard Hugo Awards and more recent retro-Hugos.

Creation Myths

We turn our attention to the storics told of how the world began. From Genesis to Kipling's "Just So Stories" with all stops between. If you enjoy it, look out for Tale Of the End Of Days on Monday,

been made. The choice faced by the story teller is whether to choose a spectacular jumping off point This is a discussion of how to identify those times in History where a serious difference could have 20:00 Lido/Auditorium Alternative History: Choosing A Point Of Departure or a more subtle but potentially more effective one.

start of the 20th century. The first World Con held in Portsmouth with Guest of Honour Jules Verne Suppose that Scientific Romance could have been established as a genre in Southern England at the 20:00 Giffard over on the ferry for the weekend? How different could SF have actually turned out. An Alternate History of Fandom

of what we see. We often have no change in method or improvement in measurement through which We can often see the effects of a change in the way that we look at things altering our interpretation 21:00 Giffard to explain these differences. So where does the change come from? Scientists? Shifting The Paradigm: How Science Changes

One consistent area in which films and TV suffer from a failure in imagination is when using music in SF. Buck Rogers took disco into the 25th Century. Star Trek goes the other way and refuses to allow anything post the 1950s to survive. Since music is an essentially abstract form, is there any Beethoven's Slippery When Wet: What could have been way that we can sensibly speculate on its development?

and then has to convince a presenter and the audience that they should be sent permanently to Fan Our guest gets to choose a number of things that he would rather spend the rest of his life without 21:00 Golden Room Fan Room 101: Brian Stableford

United Fan Fund Auction

Fannish Readings

23:00 Golden Room

22:00 Golden Room



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13:00 George Hay Memorial Lecture - Alastair Reynolds	Fandom: 40s - 50s		Writers Workshop	Games.
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Saturday

If the Civil War is the twist of choice for US Alternate Histories, then the Reformation and religious inheavals of the Tudor period serves for the UK. Does the continuation of the Roman Church in 0:00 Lido/Auditorium Points of Departure: The Reformation Britain mean the suppression of science?

Grine Session

0:00 Plemont

Let the committee know of any problems you may have.

Why Tech is Fun?

Why do tech people do it? They seem to have fun and so now they would like to share that with you. 11:00 Lido/Auditorium Come and get an insight into the world of lights, sound and expensive equipment.

If We Knew Then What We Know Now: Futures That Are Past 11:00 Giffard

What is the value of SF which has been overtaken by events? For example, do stories set on a Moonbase seem quaint in world where Apollo 13 is sold as Science Fiction rather than as framatised historical reality?

Kaffeeklatsch: Brian Stableford

Coffee with our Guest of Honour, Brian Stableford. Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk.

11:00 Rozel

12:00 Lido/Auditorium Points of Departure: The American Civil War

tem will examine the actual Civil War, identify what events could have brought about a difference This is the big turning point in American history - if you don't count the Revolutionary war This and what the effects might have been.

Eddie Cochrane, Harry Turtledove and Peter Weston.

demographic moved from spotty male adolescents to spotty female adolescents? Mike Allum chairs a pornography is written by women? What is the target audience for SF & Fantasy these days - has the discussion with Farah Mendlesohn and Judith Proctor on the driving forces behind media and If men are the ones who think about sex every 14 seconds, how come so much fan fiction 12:00 Giffard Sex Drives in SF and Fantasy iterate SF & Fantasy.

Short Fiction Readings

2:00 Plemont

Coffee with one of your favourite authors. Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration 12:00 Rozel Kaffeeklatsch: TBA

Presented in association with The Science Fiction Foundation. Alastair Reynolds gives a lecture on 13:00 Lido/Auditorium his work in advanced methods of detecting astronomical events. George Hay Memorial Lecture - Alastair Reynolds

What was fandom doing in the 40s and 50s? Fandom: 40s - 50s

3:00 Giffard

See Friday for details. Writers Workshop

Customs, Traditions And Silly Games.

13:00 Golden Room

3:00 Rozel

The truth behind Pork Pie racing. The Astral league and all those things that bore the pants off people talking to anyone whose been in Fandom five years longer than they have. Some of them are fun you know.

14:00 Lido/Auditorium Evaluating Sources

Historians, lawyers, journalists, detectives and systems analysts all make a living by going through the stories presented by different witnesses. Dialectic reasoning may be common in all these situations but what are the similarities and differences. What counts as evidence for these people? How can reliability be assessed?

decision to throw money at a problem until it goes away? Is low cunning and survival instincts more Has technology benefited more from a need to do something with available resources rather than a 14:00 Giffard Through Poverty To The Stars! Desperation at the root of useful than deep pockets?

Sue Mason does her best to embarrass Chris O'Shea and Tobes Valois as a fund raiser for TAFF. 14:00 Golden Room Tobes and O'Shea Blush for TAFF

15:00 Lido/Auditorium

Tanya Brown Interviews our Guest of Honour. GoH: Harry Turtledove

Book Auction

6:00 Giffard

Fanzines Which Shaped The Age
Now that production equipment is in the hands of so many individuals where are the definitive magazines for our age? Is the fanzine itself an outdated form overshadowed by its past?

Gerry Webb shows some of his home movies of Space Launches Space Launches

17:00 Lido/Auditorium

7:00 Plemont

Recipes and advertisements for Andrew's chocolate shop. Things To Do With Chocolate.

17:00 Rozel Kaffeeklatsch TBA

Coffee with an author to be announced. Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk. 18:00 Giffard Assumptions, McGuffins & Dei Ex Machina

have him briefed on every bit of equipment he will need on his mission in the order in which he will An examination on the use of info-dumps and plot coupons. Which are legitimate and which down ight sneaky? Is it worse to have your hero come up with just the right gadget out of thin air or to

Has technological advance made it more difficult for us to invent interesting alternatives. When we 18:00 Plemont know one way to do things, does this inhibit us from looking for a different one? Insufficiently Advanced Science (is Indistinguishable from

Harry Turtledove tells us what he hates. Fan Room 101: Harry Turtledove

18:00 Golden Room

The Starlight is the setting for the now traditional Jersey Banquet. This is a ticket-only event. Please 20:00 Lido/Auditorium The Starlight Room: Helicon Banquet see Registration for details.

23:00 Golden Room

Fannish Readings

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Plemont	Gripe Session		Guitars Before Breakfast: The Growth Of Filking		Do we want to be taken seriously?	Checking Universal Constants. Build Your Own Reality Detector		The Rise Of Media Fandom (And The Decline Of Everything Else?)	Peake Poems	Should Scientists write Science Fiction?				Filking 'Till Dawn
Giffard		Can A Subtle Story Survive A Big Budget?	If This Goes On: The Inventing of Political Fiction	The Technobabble Quiz	Art Auction			Future History: Cut and Shut Sagas	The Consumers Guide To Superfluous Technology					
Hido/Auditorium	10:00	11:00 Bid For Eastercon 2004	12:00	13:00 Beyond Cyberdrome	14:00	15:00	16:00 GoH: Brian Stableford	17:00	18:00	19:00	20:00 The Helicon Masquerade	21:00 BSFA Awards followed by	22:00 Masquerade Awards	23:00

Gripe Session

Bid For Eastercon 2004

11:00 Lido/Auditorium 11:00 Giffard It's your Eastercon, have a say in where we all gather in 2004. Can A Subtle Story Survive A Big Budget?

production company is, therefore, much larger and the ability to survive, even one flop, much less. So the pressures on those involved to ensure that the maximum number of people understand and A film costs more to produce than a novel. The audience required for financial survival of the appreciate the story tend to ride roughshod over the desire for subtlety. The panel discuss. Brian Stableford, John Bark, Liz Counihan and lan Watson.

Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk. Kaffeeklatsch: TBA

If This Goes On: The Inventing of Political Fiction

12:00 Giffard

11:00 Rozel

One criticism of future SF is its failure of imagination in coming up with new models for societies. Can we be truly inventive when thinking about future world and alien politics?

Where did Filking originate and where is it going? A discussion on the popularity and development 12:00 Plemont Guitars Before Breakfast: The Growth Of Filking

12:00 Rozel Kaffeeklatsch: Harry Turtledove

Coffee with our Guest of Honour, Harry Turtledove. Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk.

12:00 Golden Room What is good fannish writing and how do we judge it? The panel discuss. Choosing The Best Of Fannish Writing.

13:00 Lido/Auditorium The ever popular Beyond Cyberdrome is back with a vengeance. Not for the faint-hearted. 13:00 Giffard Beyond Cyberdrome

The Technobabble Quiz

Kaffeeklatsch: TBA

14:00 Giffard Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk. Art Auction

What good would it do the genre if it were received into the arms of the serious critics? Isn't it the 14:00 Plemont maverick reputation of the genre what keeps it active and exciting? Do we want to be taken seriously?

Coffee with our Guest of Honour, Peter Weston. Numbers are limited so please sign up at 14:00 Rozel Kaffeeklatsch: Peter Weston registration desk.

can determine the rules of physics where they happen to find themselves. Would one be able to lift the power supply let alone carry the kit? How much of the locality would you need to reduce to its component atoms to get a sensible reading? Greg Bear in Eon and Eternity provides his dimension travelling cast with devices by which they 15:00 Plemont Checking Universal Constants. Build Your Own Reality

See Friday for details. Writers Workshop

GoH: Brian Stableford

10:00 Plemont

16:00 Lido/Auditorium

5:00 Rozel

McMaster Bujold for including "quaddies" from Falling Free in the Vorkosigan stories? The panel, Why do some authors feel the need make a common future history for a lot of their stories, like the way Asimov combined his Robot and Foundation series? Do we feel more respect for Lois including Michael Scott Rohan and Liz Counihan discuss. Future History: Cut and Shut Sagas

are struggling for numbers and locations? Does one have an effect on the other? Can both survive? Why do media events seem to be getting bigger and bigger whilst more "mainstream" conventions 17:00 Plemont The Rise Of Media Fandom (And The Decline Of Everything

A trawl through the marvellous toys available or soon to be available for the individual who wants 18:00 Giffard The Consumers Guide To Superfluous Technology o carry a publishing firm in their pocket.

nonsense pieces, and culminate in his long n stical narrative poem "The Rhyme of the Flying Colin Fine performs a selection of Mervyn Peake's poems. This will include both serious and 18:00 Plemont

China Mieville, Alastair Reynolds, Charlie Stross and Simon Bradshaw. Does being a scientist make you a better SF writer? Or a worse one? Do SF writers need to know about science, and what should 19:00 Plemont scientists learn about SF - especially if they want to write it? Should Scientists write Science Fiction?

20:00 Lido/Auditorium 21:00 Lido/Auditorium **BSFA** Awards followed by The Helicon Masquerade

22:00 Lido/Auditorium 22:00 Golden Room Do you know what Peter Weston doesn't like? Come along and he'll tell you again! Fan Room 101: Peter Weston Masquerade Awards

23:00 Golden Room

Fannish Readings

13:00 Rozel



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Monday 1st April 2002		11:00 Bored Mindless In Utopia	12:00 Future History: Shaping The Not The Clarke Award Universe		14:00 If I Ruled The Universe.	15:00	16:00 When It All Changed: Defining Moments And Their Consequences	17:00 is That All There is?: The Closing Ceremony	18:00	19:00	20:00	21:00	22:00	23:00

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Monday

The Seacon committee tell you what the have planned and invite you to let them know what you 10:00 Plemont What Do You Want Next Year Then?

11:00 Lido/Auditorium want to see at the next Eastercon in Hinckley

Utopias simply aren't as much fun as Dystopias. Can it be that the pursuit of happiness is more to our taste than its achievement or simply that paradise does not come in one size fits all? **Bored Mindless In Utopia**

Martin Easterbrook, Brian Stableford, Michael Scott Rohan and others. Kaffeeklatsch: TBA

12:00 Lido/Auditorium Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk. Future History: Shaping The Universe

gates, Wormholes and Gravity waves have been pressed into service. Is this enough? What more do Space is big... So what restrictions do we have to put on it if we are to have adventures there? Jump

Farah Mendlesohn and Charles Stross.

See Friday for details.

Writers Workshop

12:00 Giffard A discussion of the short list for this year's awards. we need to turn a cosmology into a drama? Dave O'Neill, John Bray and others. Not The Clarke Award

13:00 Plemont Who mourns for the Master: The Classics and Classic SF Tony Keen

12:00 Rozel

The current ruler of the universe is still in residence at 57 Gladys Avenue although he might require new batteries. Since we have returned to the place of his investiture, we may as well give others the 14:00 Lido/Auditorium If I Ruled The Universe.

Giulia De Cesare invites you to learn the basics in beads and simple jewellery. Please check at 14:00 Rozel chance to seize the crown. Vince Docherty attempts to control their egos. Bead Workshop

Myths and legends of the end of the world. From Ragnarok and Revelations to Childhood's End, Sister item to Creation Myths on Friday. Tales Of The End Of Days

registration for details.

15:00 Rozel

A round up of the SF groups giving representatives a chance to present a brief run down of who and 15:00 Golden Room Bridget Willánson, Andrew Wilson, Alice Lawson, Cheryl Morgan and Del Cotter SF Local Groups: where are they and what do they do? what and where and where and why and how.

Numbers are limited so please sign up at registration desk.

Kaffeeklatsch: TBA

We have looked at various defining moments in history throughout this convention. But how often can you really point to a single event and say if that hadn't happened the world would be different. We ask our guests of honour to discuss and speculate on the major events in history that could be 16:00 Lido/Auditorium When It All Changed: Defining Moments And Their described as defining moments.

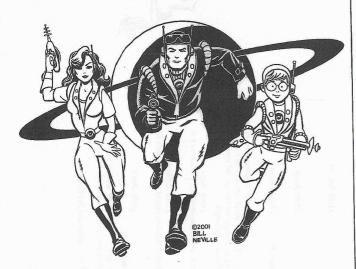
Brian Stableford, Harry Turtledove and Peter Weston.

7:00 Lido/Auditorium Say goodbye and farewell to Helicon 2. A nice way to round it all off. Is That All There Is?: The Closing Ceremony





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Restaurant Reviews by Tobes

All distances are average walking pace (for Tobes).

Diamond Chinese Restaurant

63 Halkett Place (10-15 mins walk)

A good Chinese place this, with reasonable prices. Specialises in Cantonese and Peking styles. They do a special lunch (quick & cheap) between 12 and 2, and dinner between 6 and 11.

Gio's

58 Halkett Place (10-15 mins walk)

Decent authentic Italian. Not a huge choice of dishes but good food and service.

Rudee's Thai Diner

9 Caledonia place (20 mins)

The place to go for good Thai food. I haven't been myself, but I'm told that it's excellent.

Refanis

La Colomberie (10 mins)

Tapas and Mediterranean restaurant. Again, I have no personal experience, but it looks nice. If you find it a bit expensive, go to the take away cafe next to the restaurant.

Max Tapas

West Centre (10 mins)

Again I've not been, but (hear it's good tapas at a decent price

La Capannina

67 Halkett Place (10 mins)

Good but horribly overpriced. High powered execs take people here to impress them.

La Taverne

York Street (1 5-20mins)

A very fine restaurant. French and Italian cuisine. Owned and run by two Italians, and the head waiter is also Italian. Highly professional yet friendly atmosphere. Not overpriced, but not necessarily cheap either, you pay for what you get. You can stuff yourself silly on a huge plateful of possibly the finest spaghetti Bolognese, you will ever taste washed down with a couple of beers or settle in for a full meal with fine wine (of which they have a very good selection). Tell them I sent you.

New Friend Chinese

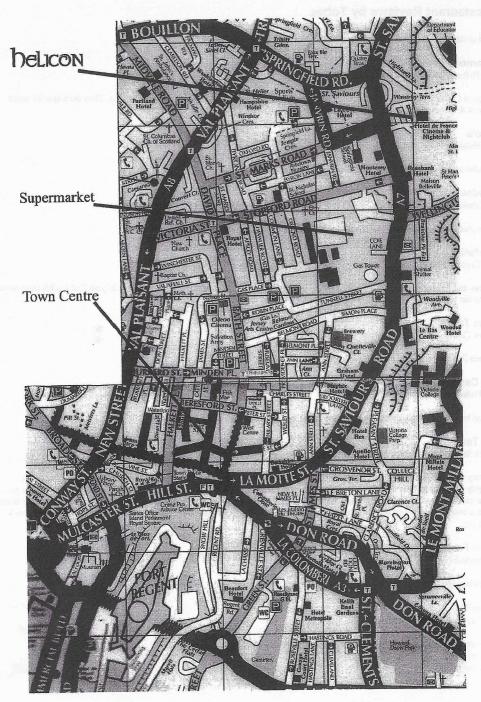
St Saviours Road (5-10mins)

Rubbish, apparently.

New Raj

St. Saviours Road (5-10mins)

1 personally hold that this is the finest Indian restaurant in Jersey, and I am far from alone in that opinion. Both food and service are excellent and prices are very reasonable. The only reservation I have is that it's best to make one as the restaurant is on the small side.



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Viceroy

76 Bath Street (10 mins)

A very good second choice to the above. I've not been in a long time but I've never heard anything negative about it.

Mutiara

La Motte street (10mins)

Another good choice for an Indian. I've not been, but I hear that its Tandoori dishes are very good.

Ming's Dynasty

Cheapside (20-25mins)

The only one of Ming Pang's three restaurants that is in town, and one I've not been to. However Ming is known for providing really good Chinese food at reasonable prices.

Pizza Inn

Halkett Place (10-1 5mins)

Pasta and pizza.

Pizza Express

Halkett Place (10-15 mins)

It's a Pizza Express.

This is only a small sample of the bewildering number of places to eat in town, and because I've not put a place in, doesn't mean it's not good. Also pub grub at lunchtime is a good, cheap, quick and filling option. I especially recommend Chambers (Mulcaster St. 20 mins) in this regard.

Notable out of town places.

Jambo Chinese Restaurant

La Route De La Baie, St. Brelade

A very highly recommended Chinese. My parents go here every Chinese New Year.

Ming's Dynasty

Gorey Pier, St. Martin

My personal favourite Chinese. Ming's first and finest restaurant. Has a gorgeous interior and fine food.

Ker Francois

Charing Cross, St. Aubin, St. Brelade

A special one, this. An authentic family Breton restaurant, with a wide choice of excellent set price menus as well as an *A La Carte*. Good house wine especially the white. Seafood, especially shellfish is a Breton specialty. If you like shellfish and garlic you can't do better than a *Fruits Des Mer Farcis* for your second course. Also the duck is simply superb. If you appreciate food and want a five course meal and good wine for a decent price you can't do better.



